

Classified Ads

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting five words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

FOR RENT—ROOMS

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, private entrance. 512 Pine ave. 74-2p

FOR RENT—Two upstairs rooms furnished for light housekeeping. \$3.50. 510 Mechanic St. 74-1-p

FOR RENT—Five rooms for housekeeping over Proud's store. Inquire at store. 74-1-c

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR RENT—House on Grover ave. Inquire W. S. Proud store. 74-1-c

FOR RENT—Good six-room dwelling, or will sell on easy terms to quick buyer. See S. L. Bennett, insurance office, opera house block. 74-2c

FOR SALE—RESIDENCE PROPERTY

FOR SALE OR RENT—Will sell 8-room house with lights, bath and basement, or will rent four rooms vacant or partly furnished. Inquire 808 Pine st. 74-2-p

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT—Barber shop, complete. No investment for fixtures. Best location in city which has population of 4,000. For fifty years has been a success as a barber shop. Great opportunity for a good barber. Rent reasonable. Living apartment if desired. For particulars write James Klien, St. Louis, Mich. 74-1-c

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—100 acres clay soil, fair buildings, good well and windmill, good fences, small orchard, 3 miles from Marion, Mich. Will exchange for merchandise or Alma property. Address Geo. N. Lamphere, Ithaca, Mich. 74-1-c

FOR TRADE—Minnesota homestead timber, black soil, Alma home owned. A. E. Stockham, Crestline, O. 74-1-p

FOR SALE—Heating stove, oil heater and some furniture for sale. Corwin's upholstery shop, opposite Superior bakery, E. Superior street. I am in no way connected with J. W. Ewing of St. Louis, formerly of Alma. 74-2-p

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Three pool tables. E. V. Wier, 211 W. Superior. 74-2-c

FOR SALE—I will sell the W. F. Wier second-hand store, 211 W. Superior at inventory value to first man with cash. E. V. Wier. 74-2-c

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for value in piano, equity in good building lot. Inquire Journal office or 203 Park. 74-1-c

FOR SALE—Wood bedstead, full size, and a 3/4 wood bedstead with springs. Inquire at 511 Gratiot. 74-1-c

FOR SALE—Full set of household goods. Call Union phone 161-25-11. 73-2-p

FOR SALE—Sixty acre farm, 5 miles north of Breckenridge on section 18, Lafayette township. Good five-room house, barn 30x60 with 12 ft. shed on end. Granary and hen house, fence, well, wire, partly tiled. Price \$6,200. Terms \$1,200 March 1, 1919, balance small yearly payments. Int. 6 per cent. Inquire L. E. Clark, Jr., Carland, Mich. 73-2-p

FOR SALE—Beautiful Walnut piano and bench. Will sell very reasonable if taken before December 25. See Mrs. Bamsill. 73-3-p

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Janitor or janitress for office building. Inquire Box xyz, Alma Record. 74-1-c

WANTED—Woman to help move. Good wages. Inquire 521 Liberty st. or call Bell 392. 74-1-c

WANTED—Real Estate salesmen, part or all time. Big money for the time you work for us. No limit put on your pay envelope. \$50.00 to \$100.00 a week made easy. No experience needed as we teach you the business and pay you while you learn. Open evenings. Call on The Wm. Omelay Co., Wright House Bldg. 74-1-c

WANTED—Several ladies to sell real estate. No experience required as we teach you the business and pay you while you learn. Big money for the time you devote to our business. You can work all or part time. Ladies with only a few hours a day to devote to our business can make big money. Call on Wm. Omelay, Wright House Bldg. 74-1-c

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Will pay highest price if in good condition. Inquire at store back of Davis cigar store or 329 East Downie St. 74-1-p

WANTED—Room for two gentlemen. Must be cheap. Inquire abc, Record office. 74-1-p

WANTED—Farm to rent on shares or cash rent or will buy small farm on terms if soil, location and price are right. Mrs. M. McNamara & Son, Elwell, R. 1. Bell phone, Elwell, Mich. 74-1-p

WANTED—Logs or standing timber, any place, all kinds and grades suitable for merchantable ties or lumber. Will receive in carload lots at your nearest R. R. station. For details write, call, or telephone 2689. John Pease, Log Agent, French Lumber & Mfg. Co., Lansing, Mich. 73-3-c

WANTED—SITUATIONS

WORK WANTED—Returned soldier wants employment for winter. Clean army record. Address inquiries to Alma Record, referring E. D. 74-1-c

EMPLOYMENT—College student desires work after hours and Saturdays. Write Box xy, care Record. 72-1-c

NOTICES, ETC.

NOTICE—Parties wishing wood buzzed will do well to address Willis Thrush, R. F. D., Alma. 2p

NOTICE—Radiator repairing; all work guaranteed. Sawyer's radiator shop, 213 E. Superior. 74-2-p

LOST AND FOUND

LOST OR STOLEN—Between Alma and Ithaca, one 34x4 Diamond Tread tire and rim. Liberal reward for return and no questions asked. Inquire of V. C. Fuller, 423 W. Center St., both phones.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Black and white hound on December 4; weight about 50 lbs. Reward for any information that will lead to the return of dog. C. B. Campbell, 239 West Superior. 74-1-p

THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church
Morning Prayer, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School, 11:30 a. m.
Vesper service, 5:00
Service on Christmas Day at 10 o'clock. All are invited.

Baptist Church
J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 802 Gratiot avenue.
Morning service, 10:00.
Sermon: "The Prince of Peace."
Sunday School, 11:15.
B. Y. P. U. meeting—6 p. m.
Topic: "Peace on Earth." Leader: Tressel Story.

Presbyterian Church.
The schedule of services for Sunday is as follows; all will be filled with the Christmas spirit:
10 a. m.—Sunday school. Lesson: "Joseph Cares for His Kindred."
Gen. 47:1-12.
11 a. m.—Morning worship.
Christmas sermon.
6 p. m.—Christian Endeavor.
Topic: "Peace on Earth."—Luke 2: 8-14.
7 p. m.—Evening worship.
Christmas song service by the choir.

In addition to these services the regular Christmas exercises for the Sunday School and people of the congregation will be held Monday evening at 7 o'clock. There will be first the giving of "White Gifts" and then will follow the fun of the usual Christmas tree and Santa Claus program. Santa has promised to be on deck promptly and not to forget a box of sweets for every youngster. As a "White Gift," each one who comes is asked to bring some article which can be used in making up baskets for the needy of the city. Food and clothing are especially desired. Small gifts will be just as welcome as bigger ones. Each person should give according to his ability. The baskets made up from these gifts will be taken around Tuesday to the homes of those who need them.

BEST IN YEARS

Present indications point to Fast Court Team at High School.

Floyd Maxwell, coach of the Alma high school basketball team, of the past few years is very optimistic over the outlook for the Alma high school basketball team this year, which he believes will be one of the strongest that the high school has had in recent years, in spite of the fact that only one old man is back for the court game this year.

Greck, the only veteran of last season, is out for a place again this season and is showing far better form than a year ago, which is highly pleasing to the coach, and the high school fans.

Among the men who are out for the team and are showing Maxwell some good stuff are Ward Pembroke, Stearns, Lyons, Hodge, Gallagher and B. Sartor. The battle for places on the five between these men promises to be a hot one and it is probable that it will be some weeks before Coach Maxwell picks a regular lineup.

Owing to the flu epidemic in various places in the state the high school coach will not endeavor to schedule games until after the holidays, when conditions become more settled in other places, in many of which schools are now closed because of the epidemic.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f

FARMER'S ORGANIZE

Some of the influential farmers of Arcadia township have organized what is known as the Arcadia Farmers' cooperative association with officers as follows: Directors, Harry Walston, Earl Kuhlman and Joseph Grover; president, Clarence Clark; secretary, J. R. Wilson; treasurer, H. A. Bancroft.

The association has already purchased a threshing outfit and are doing business from the start. We are promised a more detailed report of the object of the association later, giving fully what its policy will be. With this class of men in charge it is sure to be a success.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-1f

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, desire to thank the employees of Republic Truck and all who helped to make the sufferings of Miss Mary Dickerson less. For the flowers and care we earnestly desire to express our appreciation.

Mrs. Strong
Mrs. Buor
Mr. Glen Dickerson.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to thank through this paper Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Manning for the use of their home and generous help during the sickness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. J. D. Evans, also the host of friends and neighbors.

Mrs. J. D. Evans
Lyle Evans
Mrs. Ray Baker.

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-1f

RED CROSS IS LIKE A SHIP OF RESCUE

Always Travels in Troubled Waters and Answers Every Cry of Distress.

REST OF WORLD IS TOO BUSY

Christmas Roll Call Gives Every One a Chance to Take Part in Rebuilding Our Broken World.

The American Red Cross is perhaps like nothing so much as a staunch and loyal ship in a storm. It goes its way with senses tuned to catch any cry for help. And when that cry comes, it drives instantly and without fear straight to the place of distress, in flood and fire and disaster, just as the ship braves the perils of tumbling seas and hazardous rescue work. And, again, like the ship, it STANDS BY till those endangered are helped to safety.

Meanwhile the rest of the world, busy with its own problems, hurries home during these times of storm and stress, and draws down the blinds.

At least that is the way it has been in the past. But now comes the Christmas Roll Call. And it is a privilege, not a pest. It has no preferences. It plays no favorites. It makes no exceptions. It summons every man, woman and child in the country. It holds out to each one the blessed opportunity to ride on every Red Cross ship of mercy, to speed with every Red Cross train of relief that encircles the earth on their errands of mercy.

The only way for anyone to escape the possibility of some time having to accept CHARITY from the Red Cross, for terrible calamity may come to us all. The money wealth of the Belgians was as nothing when they were stripped of clothing and food. And that feeling of oneness with the organization that our men on the other side have had during the war was not merely a great, but was the GREATEST, factor in enabling the Red Cross to give the efficient aid that it did.

Let us remember what Mrs. Margaret Iain, sixteen worker in France, told about our boys who came out of the hospitals without money:

"Sometimes they would be able to make up a few cents between them," she said, "and sometimes they did not have anything. They would hang behind those who could pay. And they would look at the food so wistfully that it made one fight back the tears. The only way we could get them to take what they needed and craved was by saying: 'You know, boys, this was all paid for by your own people at home.' Then immediately their attitude would change and they would say: 'Why, yes, my mother or my sister gives to the Red Cross.' And then they would pitch in."

We are proud, we Americans, we do not want something for nothing. And here is our glorious opportunity to take the rest of our nation by the hand, and with all pride and dignity in sure ourselves of our own help in time of adversity.

This Christmas Roll Call gives every one a chance to be a "Dollar Man." And most of us can be one right at home. For by joining the Red Cross now and paying the dollar we become as actively engaged in the great work as if we were giving all of our time to it. We are merely making our dollar substitute for those of us who are too busy to give all of our time to the Red Cross.

Some of the great achievements of the Red Cross have been told over and over, until the facts may seem old to you. But on this occasion they are worth telling again. We should not forget, for instance, how the women of this nation, like our first Colonial mothers, turned suddenly into great manufacturers and made garments and supplies worth \$50,000,000 last year. Nor let us forget how \$111,000,000 was sent into the devastated countries during the time while men and women giving their time for nothing, went with those dollars to see that they were used in the way they were most needed. And the American Red Cross sent medicines and anesthetics to the hospitals of France when they were almost unobtainable, so that our boys and their allies might have some relief from the torment of their wounds and a chance at ultimate recovery.

There are so many things to tell that it is impossible to spread the whole story in this limited space. But each worker will know. For the letters that have come from the boys in the camps "over here" and from the fields "over there" have been full of the reasons. Ask the mother of any boy who was imprisoned behind the cruel lines where food was scarce even for the enemy army, but who got his 20 pounds of biscuits, pork and beans, cocoa and other good, wholesome things, every week.

The roofs are at hand everywhere. The reasons are manifest. Everyone should become a member of the widest, best and holiest crusade the world

has ever known. Membership in the Red Cross should be more universal than taxes; as universal as the public school, public opinion, or our own public government.

Christmas Carol

THERE'S a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful king,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King.

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Aye, the star rains its fire
And the beautiful king,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King.

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impeached,
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame
And the beautiful king
Is the Lord of the nation
That Jesus is King.
We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night.

From the heavenly throng,
Aye, we shout in the lordly
evangel they bring,
And we greet in his cradle our
Saviour and King.
—John G. Holland.

Christmas the Same as Ever.
Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be. . . . Never heed such dismal reminiscences. . . . Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. . . . Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.—Charles Dickens.

Christmas of Long Ago

In the midnight sky a wonder;
A star in the East shone,
And mellowest voice thereunder,
Christmas of long ago.

With gaze upraised the sages,
Poor shepherds bending low,
A pasture to light the ages,
Christmas of long ago.

A child-God laid in the manger,
Who bore no diadem;
To the lords of earth a stranger—
Outcast of Bethlehem!

The message came to the lowly;
The star was sent to the wise,
And "Peace" and "Love" were the boy
Words from the midnight skies.

They filled the heart of one other,
To its own sweet overflow;
Peace and love to the mother,
Christmas of long ago.

Has Time's dust dulled its glory?
Have tears mist-blurred its rays?
Is it now too old a story
For hurrying, changing days?

Oh, ever our hearts shall harken
To the angel's chant above,
Mother whose child was God;
The star that shines in love.

And ever shall smile the mother,
Whose child was God;
God, who took man for brother,
Brother our ways who trod.

Forever in joy completer
Shall the clear, glad message show,
And its angel voice sound sweeter—
Christmas of long ago.

—Joseph I. C. Clarke.

The Wonderful House Where Santa Claus Dwells

WOULDN'T you like to see the wonderful land where Santa Claus makes his home, the magic shops and buildings grand filled with toys from cellar to dome;

Where busy thousands work day and night making the pretty things Santa Claus gives, weaving into each gift their joy and delight, in the beautiful home where Santa Claus lives?

Over fields of ice, over hills of snow,
Is the wonderful home where Santa Claus dwells;
Where love brightens life with its eternal glow
And the blessed song of Christmas bells.

—A. Bart Horton in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

WANTED

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